

## Biofilmes

Da investigação à clínica

## *Resistências aos Antibióticos*



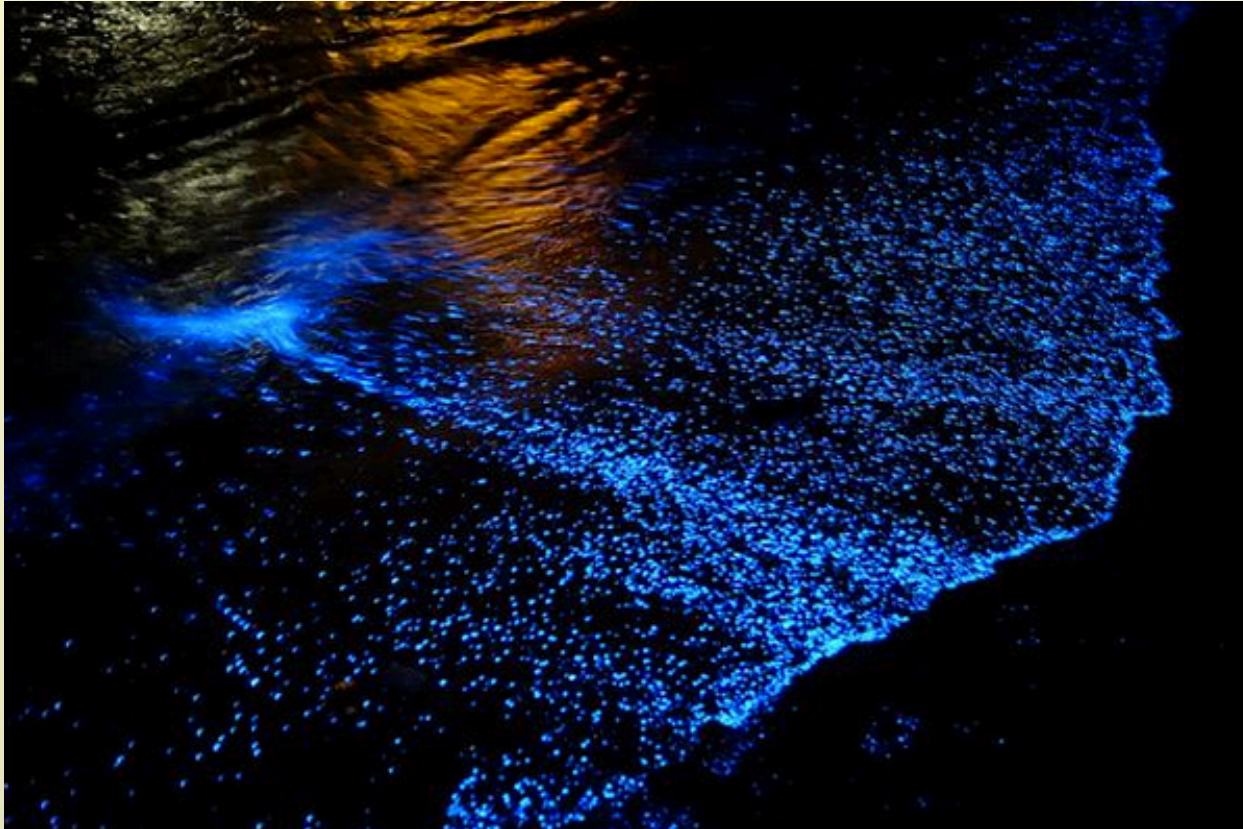
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# *quorum sensing*

Tipo de comunicação célula a célula, através da qual as bactérias reconhecem a sua densidade populacional, pela produção de pequenas moléculas; Assim coordenam a expressão genética de acordo com a densidade bacteriana.

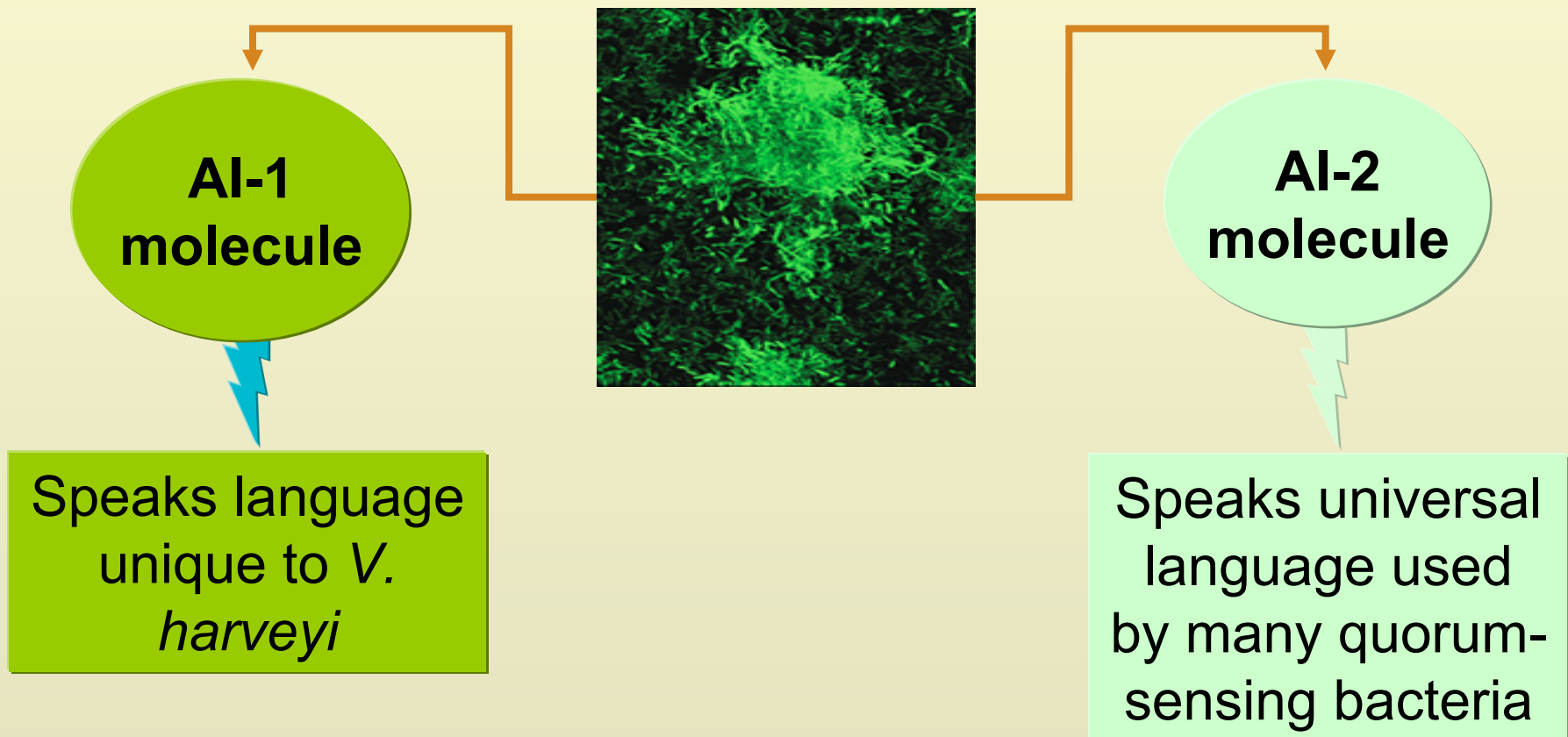


*Aliivibrio fischeri*

*Vibrio harveyi*

# *V. harveyi* Are Bilingual

*V. harveyi* communication systems

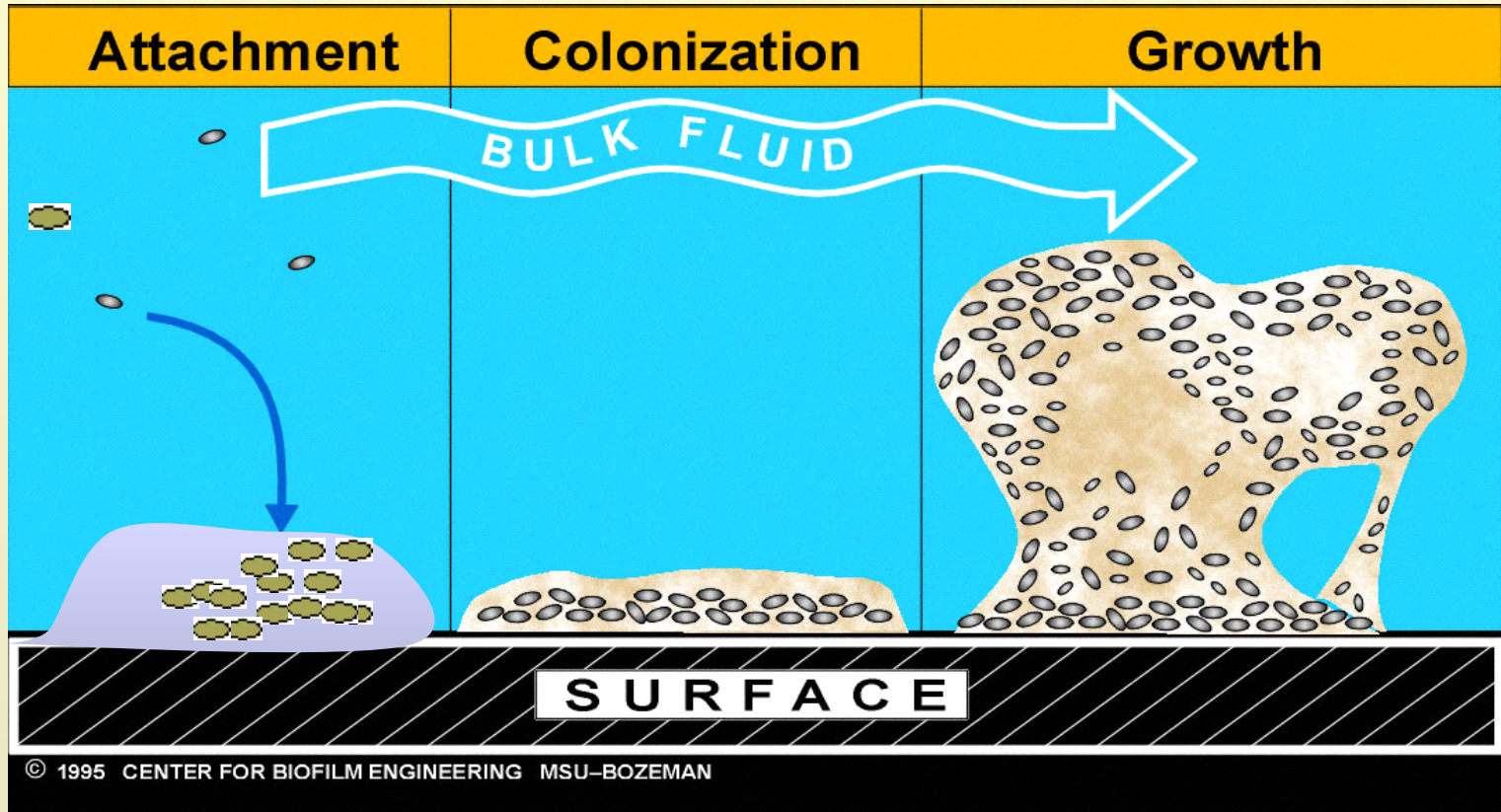


# What is a Biofilm?

- Structured, co-operative microbial community embedded in an extracellular matrix, usually attached to a surface
  - Different species may be competing or co-operating
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- Free-floating (planktonic) cells attach to become sessile
  - Biofilm organisms usually express a different phenotype



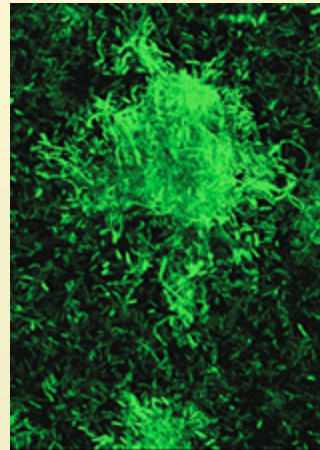
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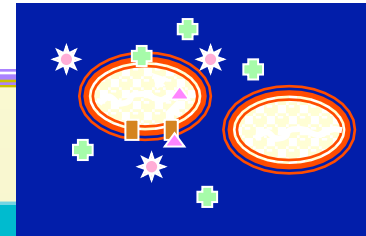
# Biofilms

## Colonization: *Quorum sensing*

Bacteria cells seems harmless when multiplying



These changes in bacteria are responsible for most infections

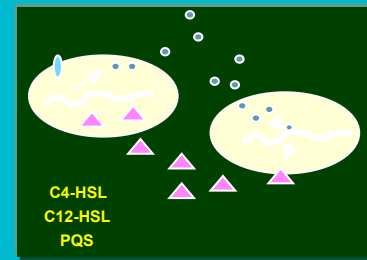


Signaling molecules

- Self / non Self
- Number

When their number reaches a significant threshold (the "*quorum*") phenotypical changes occur in its

- Behaviour
- Metabolism



Virulence Factors

Biofilms

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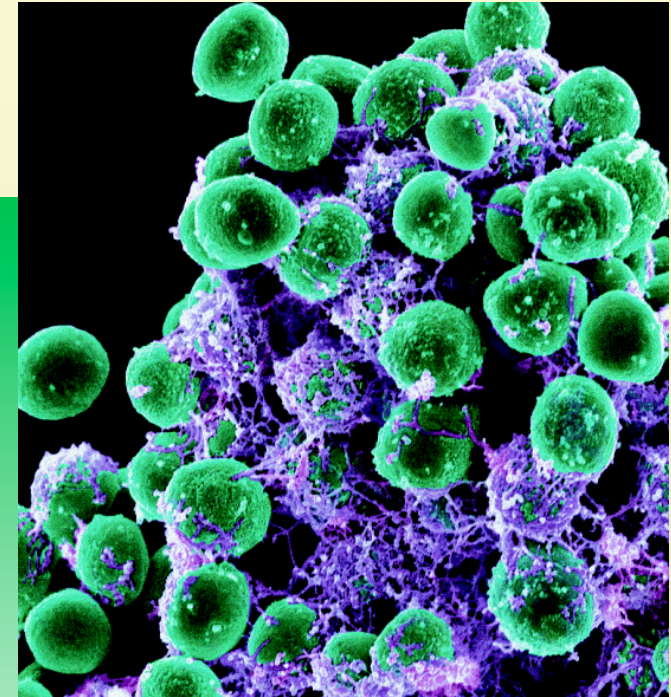
# Implicações clínicas dos Biofilmes

➤ A maioria das infecções nosocomiais estão associadas a dispositivos médicos invasivos

👤 97% ITU - algália

👤 87% bacteriémia – Catéter venoso central

👤 83% pneumonia – Tubo traqueal





# Implicações clínicas dos Biofilmes

- Os biofilmes podem formar micro-colónias e fragmentar
- A embolização infecciosa pode ser responsável por
  - Invasão de líquidos orgânicos → sépsis
  - Entrada na circulação capilar → colonização dos tecidos, infecção ou enfarte

**Os mecanismos adquiridos de resistência podem permanecer**

# Clinical Implication of biofilms

## Ability to colonize any foreign material

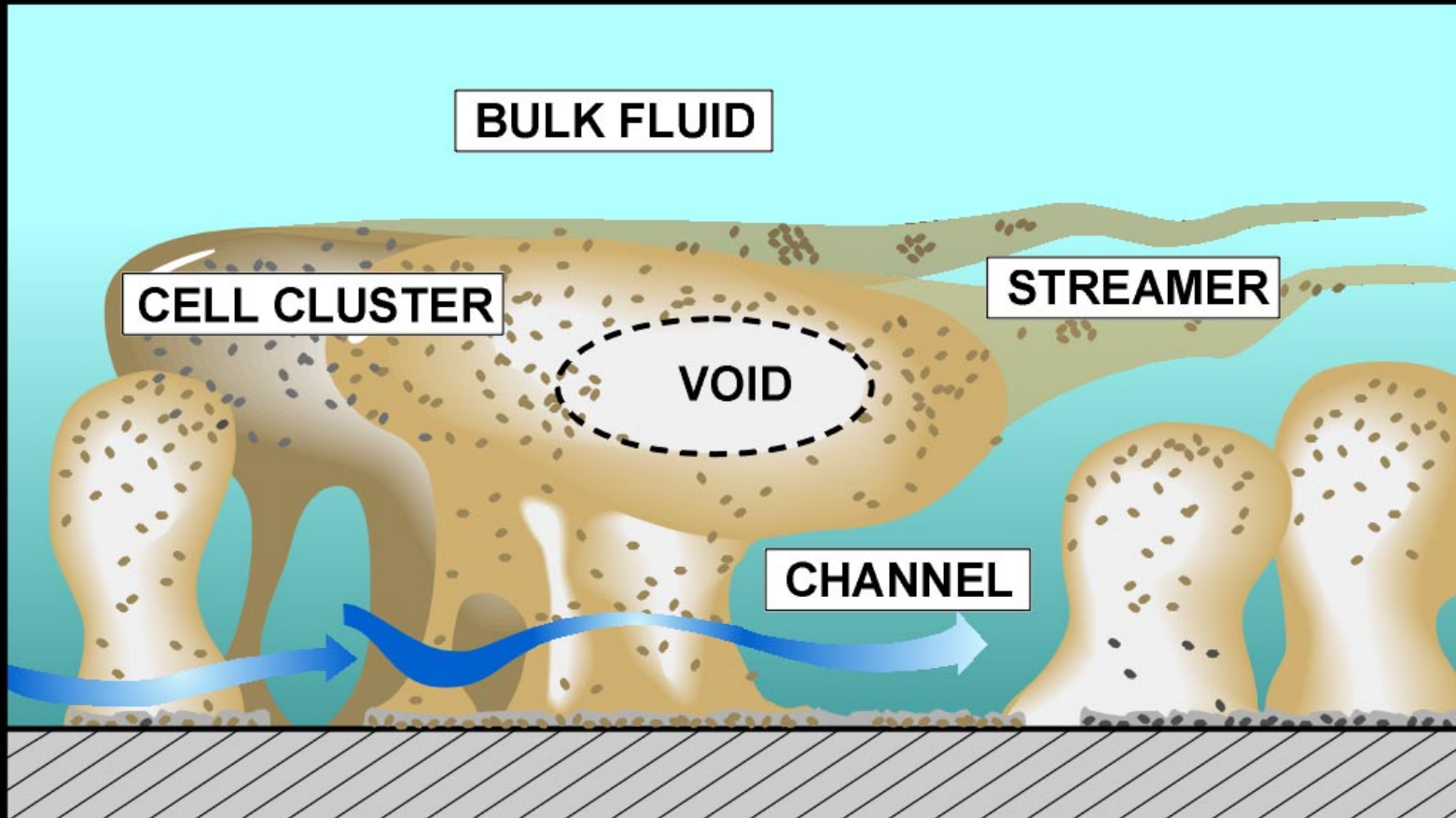
- Cardiac valves
- Central venous lines
- Bone prothesis
- Contact lenses
- Intrauterine devices
- Endotracheal tube
- Peritoneal dialysis catheter
- Pacemaker

## Several bacteria can become virulent

- *Staphylococcus coagulase-negativo*
- *Staphylococcus aureus*
- *Streptococcus* spp
- *Enterococcus* spp
- *Klebsiella pneumoniae*
- *Escherichia coli*
- *Proteus mirabilis*
- *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*
- *Candida albicans*

☞ Once installed a high rate of resistance to antibiotics is noted

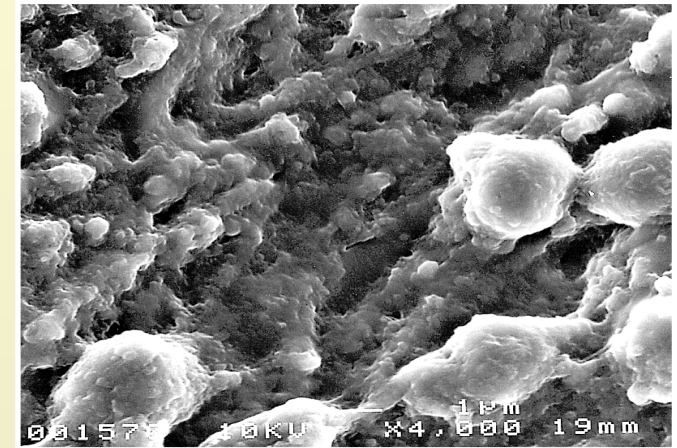
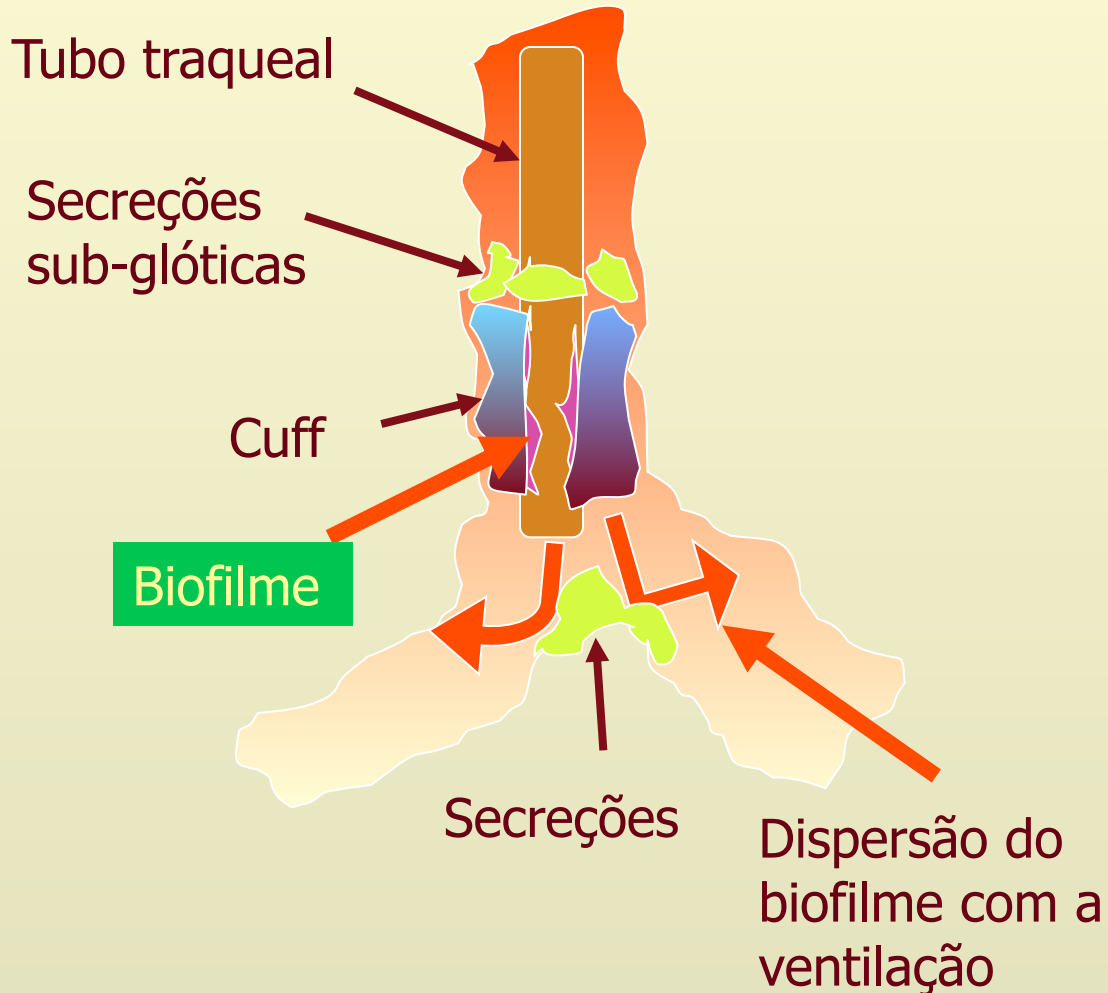
# Clinical Implication of biofilms



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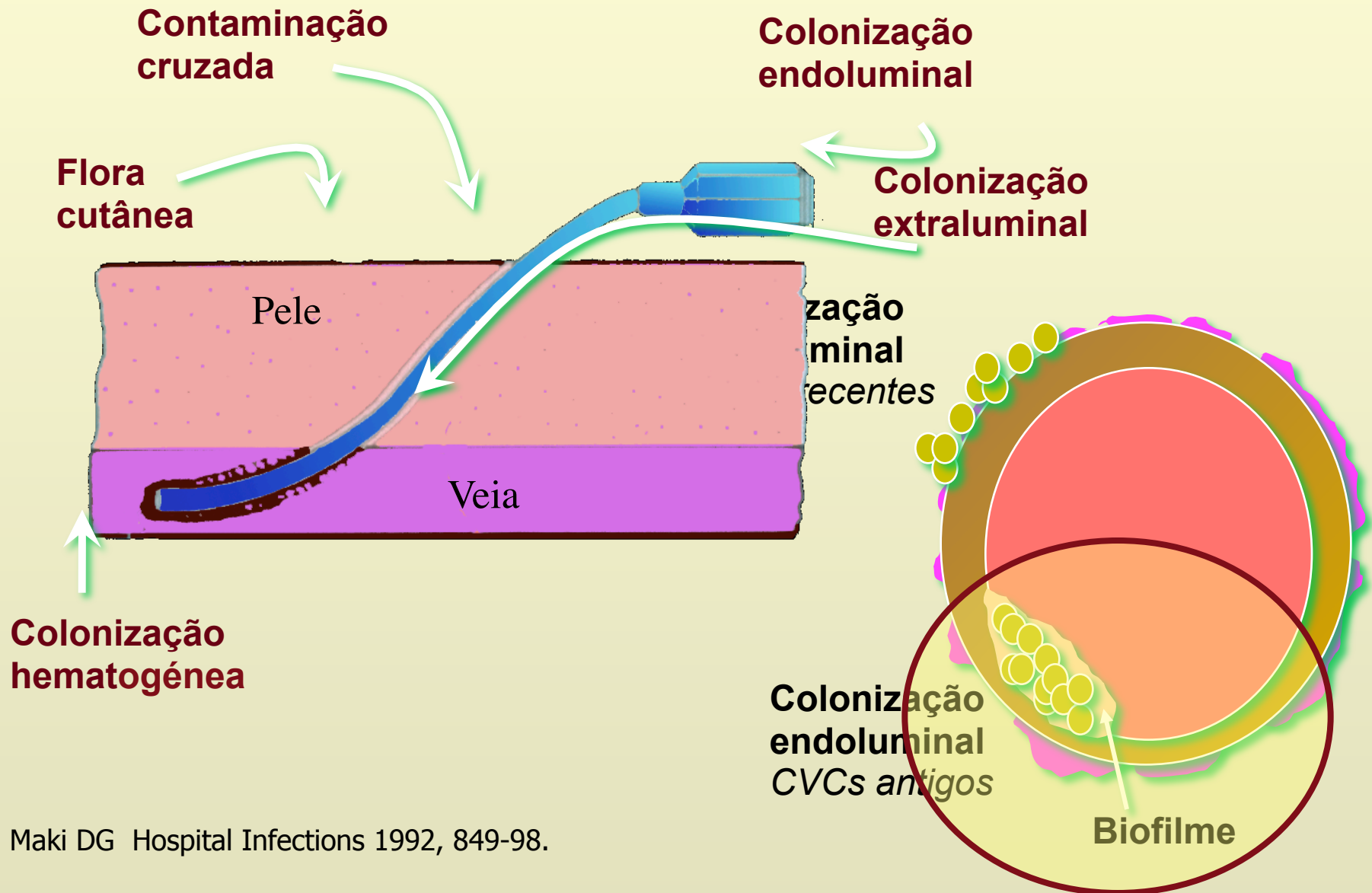
# Mecanismos de colonização



**Superfície dum tubo endotraqueal removido dum doente de UCI**

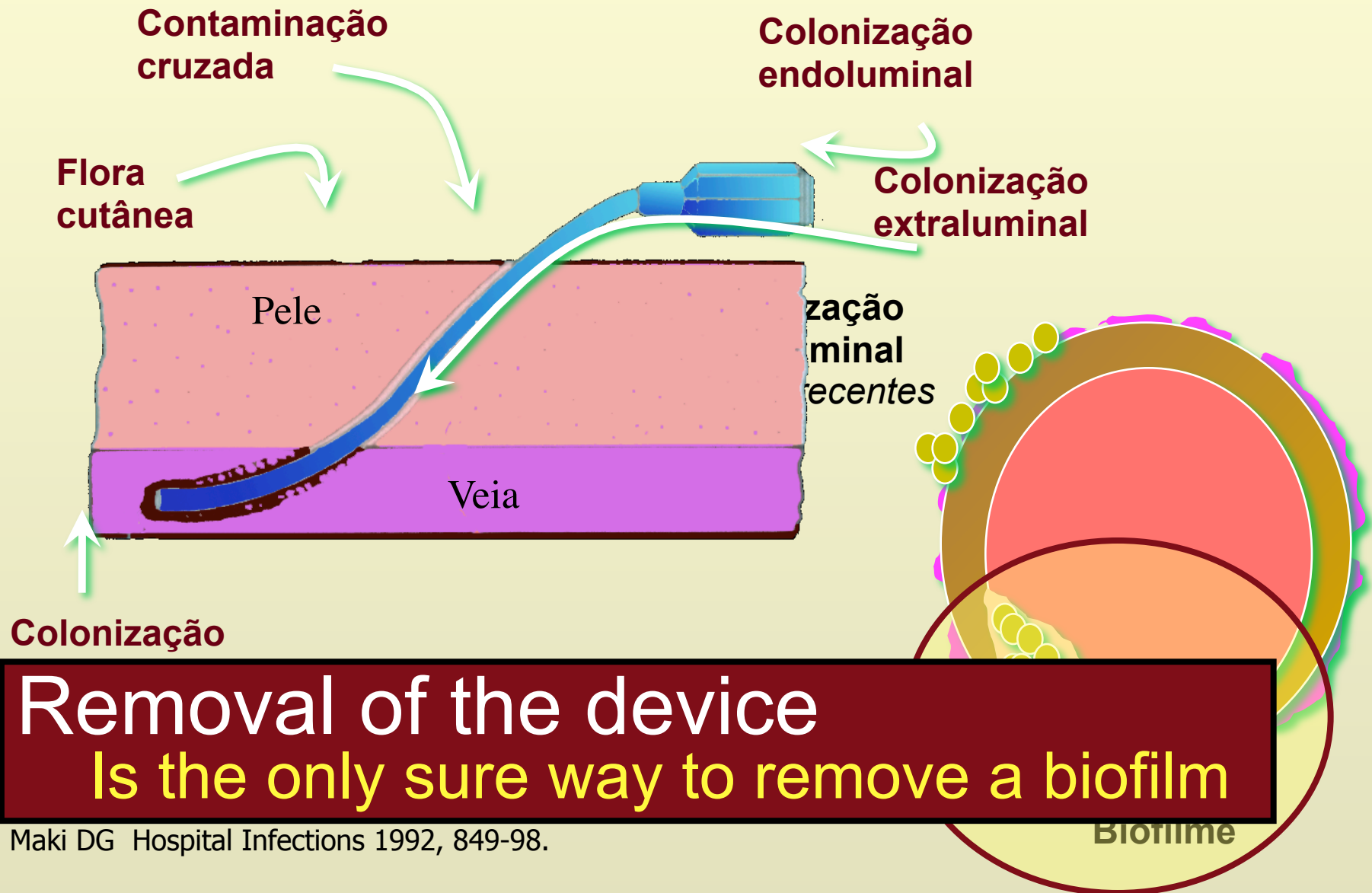
**"In vivo" incluem muco, restos celulares do hospedeiro e bacterianos**

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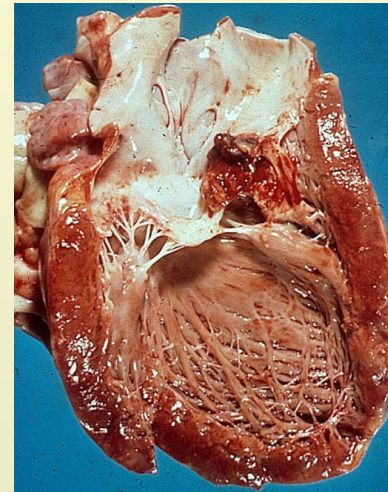


# Infections with *S. aureus* Biofilms

## ➤ Chronic Infections/Diseases:



Osteomyelitis



Endocarditis

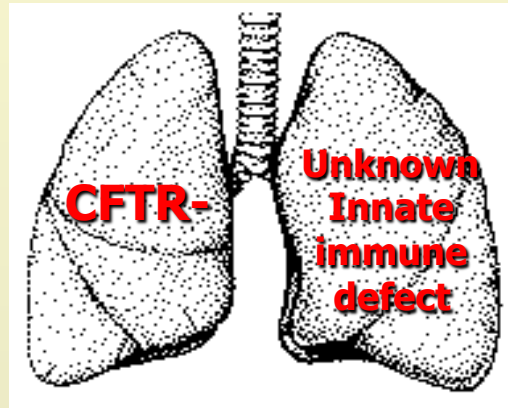
- Biofilms are resistant to antibiotic levels 10-1,000 times higher than planktonic bacteria
  - Concentrations of antibiotics required to kill biofilms may not be therapeutically achievable

[http://www.who.int/buruli/photos/Osteomyelitis\\_Nigeria\\_large.jpg](http://www.who.int/buruli/photos/Osteomyelitis_Nigeria_large.jpg)

<http://www.pathology.vcu.edu/education/cardio/images/2g-a.jpg>

# Chronic *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* Infection in Cystic Fibrosis

Environmental *Pseudomonas*



Bacterial  
Adaptation

Unique surface  
modifications

Increased  
airway  
inflammation

Biofilms/  
Resistance to  
antimicrobials

Chronic  
Lung  
Disease

Innate Immune Selective Pressure

PA colonization - ASYMPTOMATIC Increased bacterial burden - SYMPTOMATIC

## Growth and maturation

### Antibiotics and Biofilms



repression “quorum”

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than the one identified

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- ✓ Neutralisation of the antibiotics by the polissacaride matrix
- ✓ Extracellular Beta lactamases
- ✓ Inactivation of antibiotic compounds by simultaneous desrepression “quorum” of resistance related genes
- ✓ Plasmidium mediated transference of resistance genes
- ✓ Latent bacterial subpopulations, with low grade metabolism
- ✓ **Bacteria may possess a different sensitivity profile than the one identified “in vitro”**

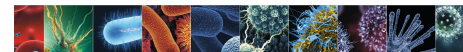
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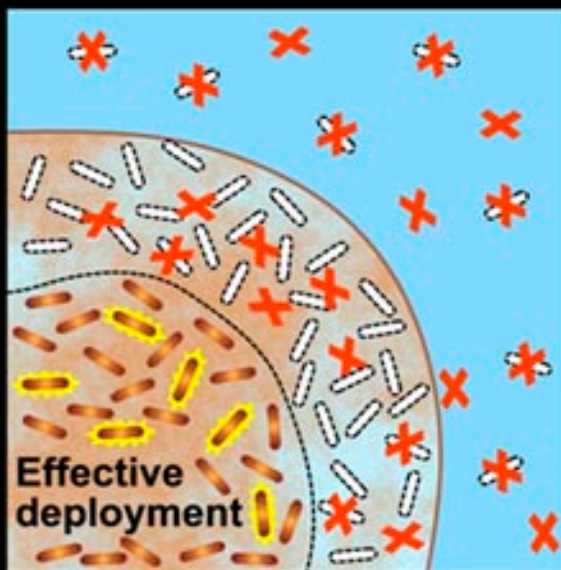
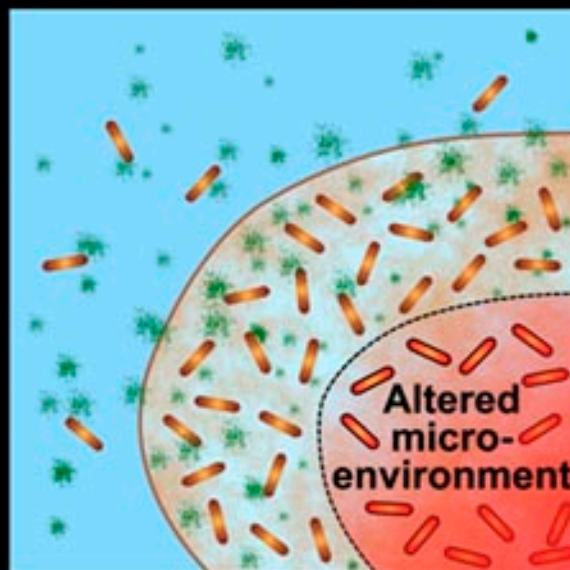


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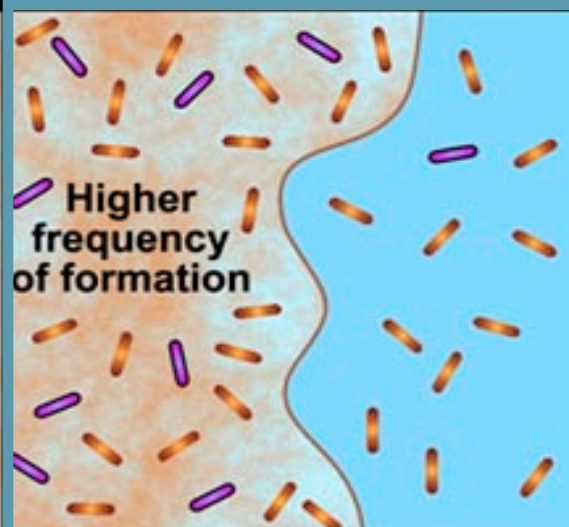
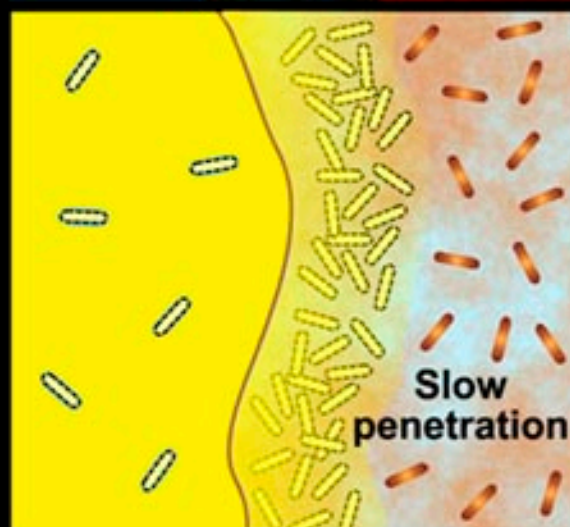
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Nutrient depletion creates zones of altered activity.



Inner layers of biofilm cells have more time to initiate stress response.

Outer layers of biofilm cells absorb damage.



“Persister” cells may be present in higher numbers.

# Tolerance and Persistence

## Small groups of persisters cells in the colony

- ➡ Roughly 300 genes differentially overexpressed
- ➡ Inhibition of translation, replication, modulation of proteins

### Tolerance to most antibiotics

- ➡ Able to reactivate its functions. Same MIC
- ➡ Ensure survival of all population

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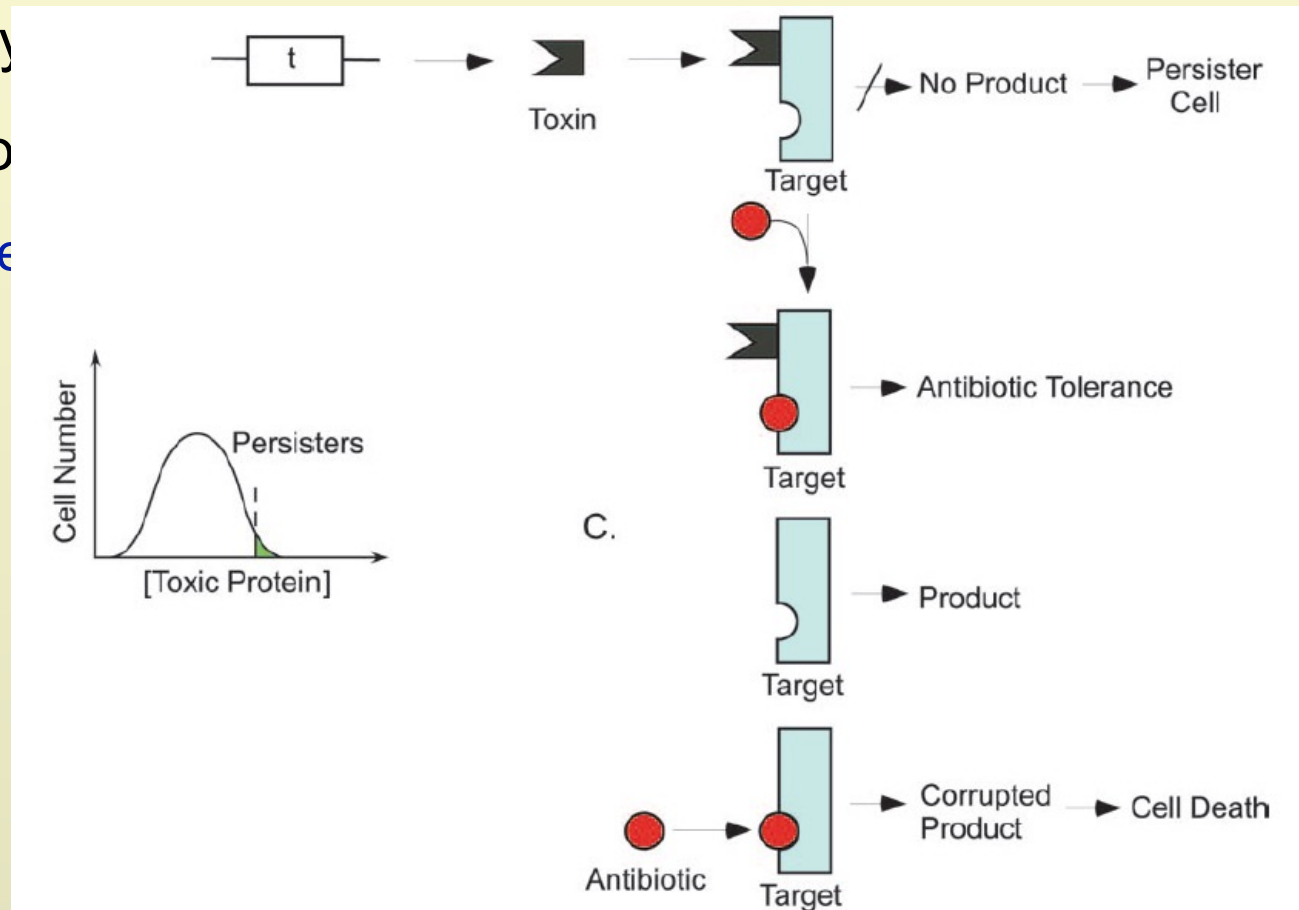
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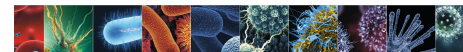
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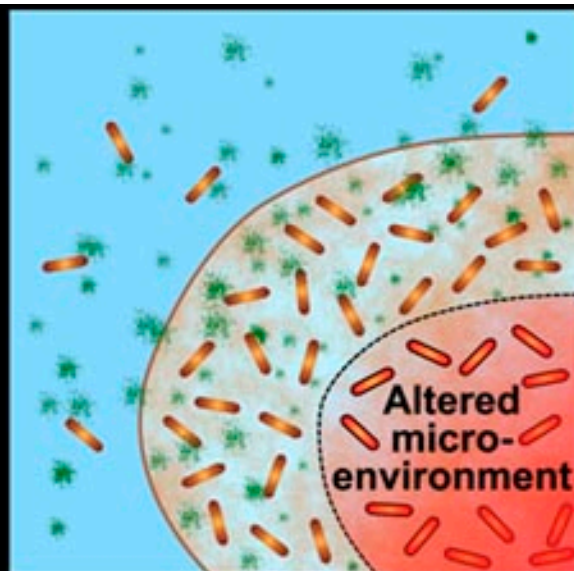


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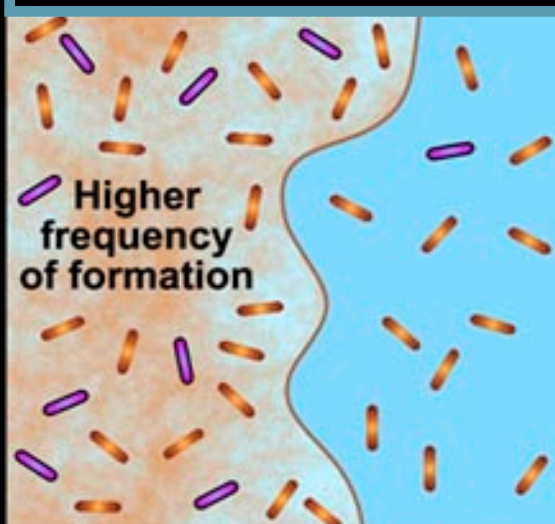
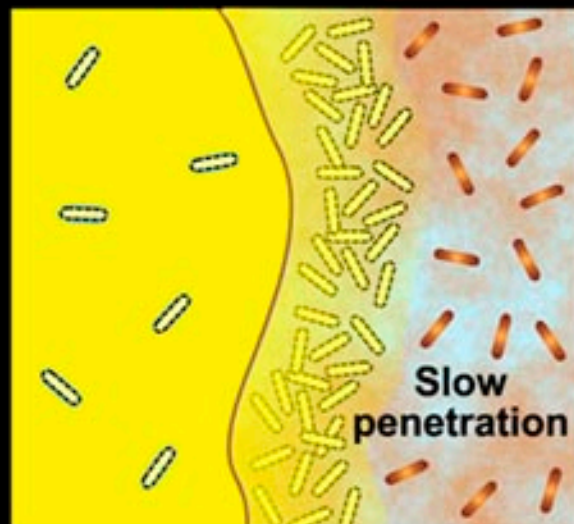
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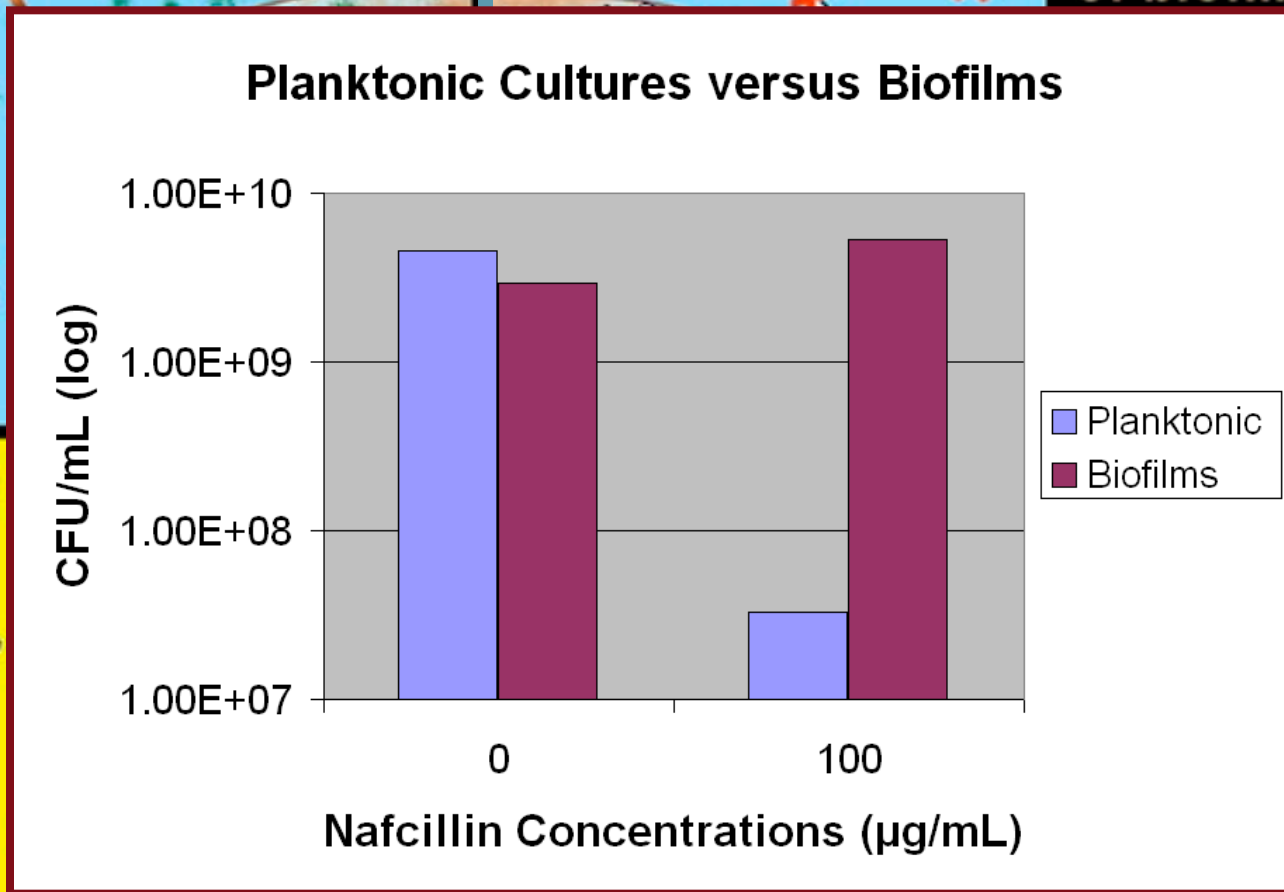
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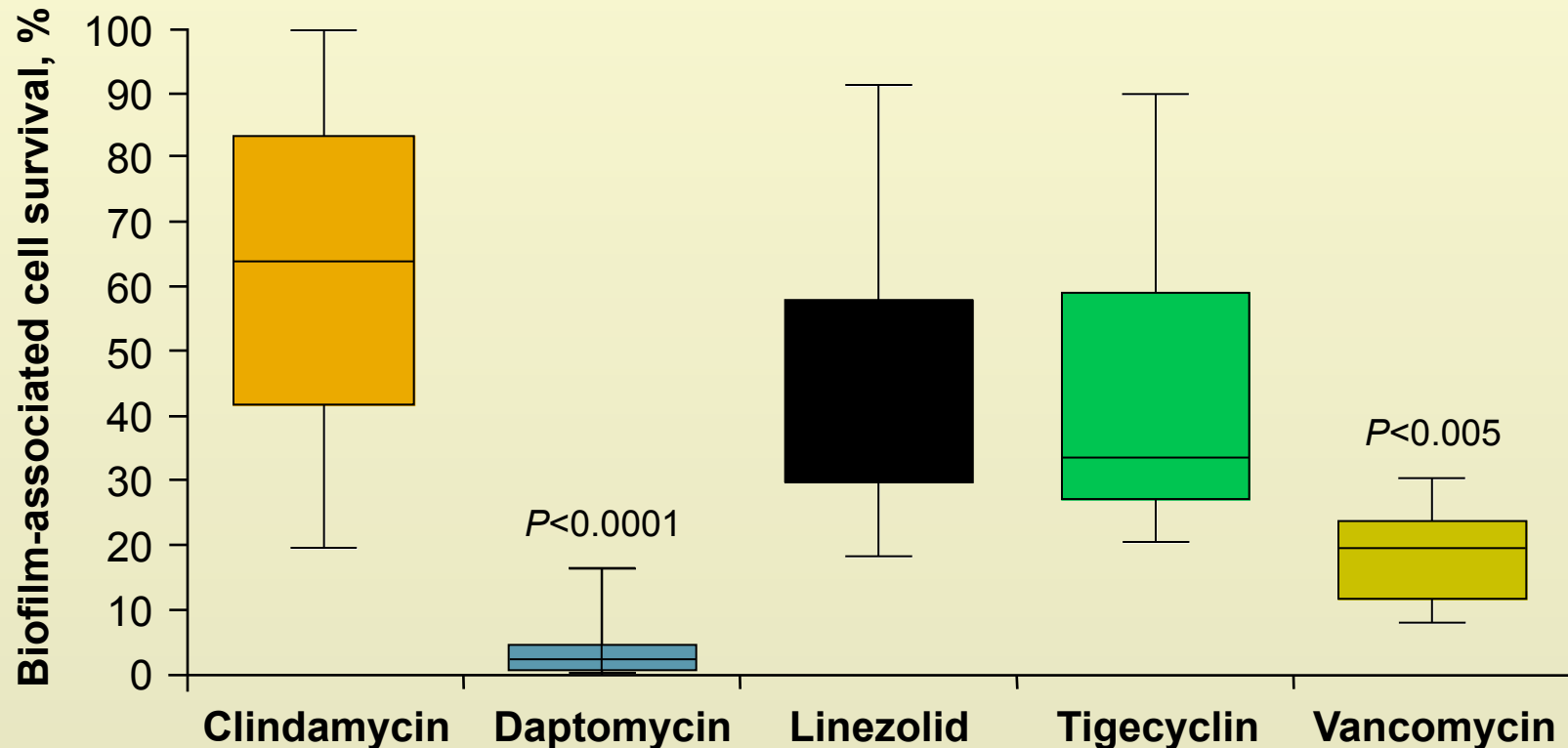
Inner layers of biofilm





# MRSA Biofilms

## Biofilm bacterial survival in 12 different MRSA

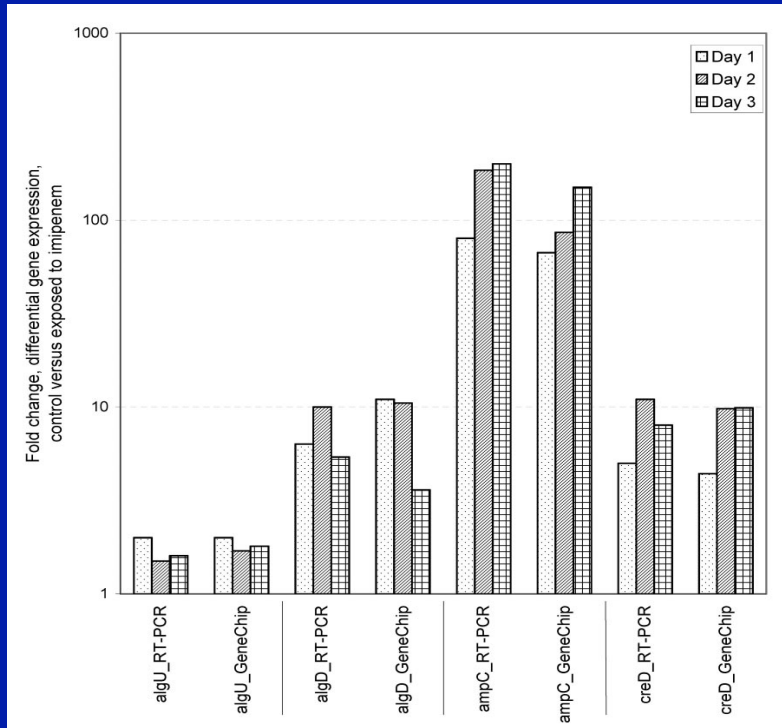


MRSA exposed to antibiotics at concentrations of 64 µg/ml. Each box plot represents the spread of cell survival across the different clinical isolates; error bars are the standard deviation

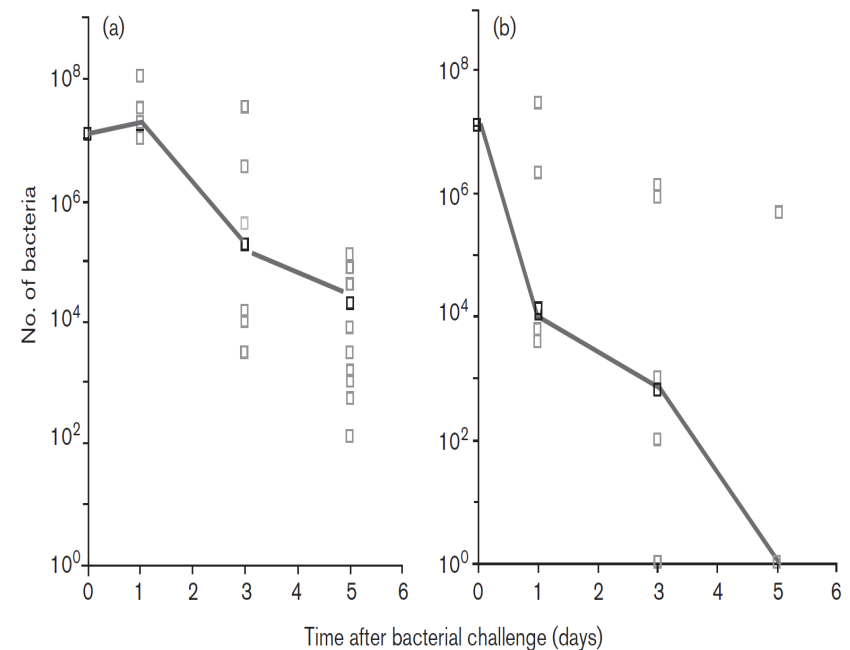
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# Biofilms

*Pseudomonas aeruginosa* gene induction in biofilms by subinhibitory concentrations of **imipenem**



**Garlic** inhibits *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* biofilms in a pneumonic mice model



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